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# MINUTES.

## SATURDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

EDINBURG, LEAKE COUNTY, October 22, 1870.

The Harmony Baptist Association convened this day in her Twenty-First Annual Meeting, pursuant to adjournment, with the Mt. Carmel Church.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder Wm. McMurtray, from Acts, 28th chapter, 22d verse: "But we desire to hear of thee what thou thinkest; for as concerning this sect, we know that every where it is spoken against."

After an intermission, the Delegates assembled in the house and were called to order by the Moderator, Elder Wm. McMurtray.

Prayer by Elder J. Rushing.

Letters were received and read from twenty Churches, the names of their Delegates enrolled and statistics minuted. Five Churches not represented. [See Table.]

Next proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. Appointed Elders T. D. Given and James Nelson, tellers, who, after receiving and counting the vote, announced D. J. Barnett, as Moderator, F. C. Davis, Clerk, and W. W. Nichols, Treasurer.

The Moderator elect was conducted to the Chair.

After an expression of thanks, the Moderator announced the Body organized.

Churches desiring admittance were requested to present their petitions, when J. W. Leggett presented a petition from Hebron Church, and being found orthodox, was duly received.

Correspondence from other Bodies being called for, Elder Francis Lansing, with letters and minutes from Mt. Pisgah Association, was received.

Elder James Nelson, as Correspondent Messenger from Central Association and Mississippi Baptist State Convention, presented himself and was received and welcomed.

Elders E. Smith and E. T. Dendy, with minutes from Kosciusko Association welcomed and seated.

### Appointment of Committees.

COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS SERVICES.—S. C. Billingslea, Wm. Denson, P. H. Bilbro, with the Deacons of this Church.



ON FINANCE.—William H. Denson, Green Allen, and William Cockraft.

ON CORRESPONDENCE.—Elder P. M. Gaddis, S. H. Horne, and S. Wiggins.

ON STATE OF RELIGION.—Elder J. M. Pearson, O. H. Parker, W. C. Brown.

ON PETITIONS AND REQUESTS.—Elder J. H. Rushing, William Cockraft, W. R. Graves.

ON NOMINATIONS.—Brothers J. E. Pearson, W. S. Young, J. F. Kernops.

ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.—Elders William McMurtray, G. W. Burt, J. M. Pearson.

ON PUBLICATIONS.—Elder R. G. Barrett, S. N. Denson, W. D. Robbins.

ON MISSIONS.—Elder T. E. Morris, J. Tredwell, Green Allen.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Elder Alfred Marshall, N. M. Watkins, W. A. Ward.

Committee on Preaching reported that Elder T. D. Gwin, preach at 11 o'clock A. M., and James Nelson, at 1 o'clock P. M., (Sabbath.)

Adjourned until 8½ o'clock A. M., Monday:

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### SABBATH EXERCISES.

The Missionary Sermon was preached at the stand by Eld. T. D. Gwin at 11 o'clock from Solomon's Songs, 6th chapter, 10th verse, to a large and attentive audience, and, we trust, with good effect; after which a collection was taken up for Missions. Amount \$25 15.

Elder James Nelson preached at 1 o'clock P. M., from Matthew, 9th chapter, 37th and 38th verses, to a large audience, and was listened to with great interest.

A collection was taken up for Ministerial Education. Amount, \$26 50 in cash and \$90 in subscription.

At night there was service held at the Church, at candle-light. Sermon by Elder J. M. Pearson.

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### MONDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

8½ O'CLOCK, October 24, 1870.

The Harmony Association was called to order by the Moderator at the hour appointed.

A Hymn was sung. Prayer by Elder S. J. Denson.

The roll was called and the Delegates answered to their names.

Minutes of preceding day were read and adopted.

Rules of Decorum read by the Moderator.

Article 2d of Rules of Decorum was suspended and all Baptists of the same faith invited to seats with us.  
Elder Gwin, of South Carolina, responded, was welcomed and seated.

### Report of Committees.

Committee on Sabbath Schools made their report through its Chairman. Report Adopted. [See Appendix A.]

Committee of three appointed on deceased ministers, viz.: Elder J. M. Pearson, Alfred Marshall, and P. M. Gaddis.

The following were appointed an Especial Committee, to whom was referred the Queries sent up by Jerusalem and Friendship Churches, S. C. Billingslea, W. W. Nichols, William Cockraft.

Committee on Nominations made their report, which was adopted. [See Appendix B.]

Committee on State of Religion made their report, which was adopted. [See Appendix C.]

Committee on Correspondence made their report, which was adopted. [See Appendix D.]

Committee on Petitions and Requests made their report, which was adopted. [See Appendix E.]

Committee on Missions made their report, which was adopted, with the following amendments:

That we recommend the Churches of this Association to adopt some systematic plan of benevolence, according to the direction of the Gospel, and by striking out the latter clause of the report, which named the Missionary. [See Appendix F.]

Committee on Publications made their report, and it was amended by adding to the list of Publications: "The Home and Foreign Journal," and, as amended, passed. [See Appendix G.]

Committee on Ministerial Education made their report, which was adopted. [See Appendix H.]

Chairman of the Executive Board of the Harmony Association reported its year's work; report adopted. [See Appendix I.]

Body then proceeded to appointing Correspondent Messengers.

To the Mt. Pisgah Association—Elders T. D. Burt, Wm. McMurtray, P. M. Gaddis, R. G. Barrett, and Bro. J. M. Russell.

To Strong River Association—Elders Alfred Marshall, Jas. Marshall, R. A. Whitfield, and Bro. W. D. Robbins.

To Central Association—Elders Wm. McMurtray, Alfred Marshall, Bros. D. J. Barnett, and W. W. Nichols.

To Kosciusko Association—Elders T. D. Burt, W. T. Dorrill, Bros. Green Allen, and D. J. Barnett.

To State Convention—Elders Wm. McMurtray, Alfred Marshall, T. E. Morris, P. M. Gaddis, Bros. D. J. Barrett, W. W. Nichols, J. N. Denson, W. H. Denson, and W. D. Robbins.

Resolved, That this Association send up \$15 to the State Convention.

On motion, the present Clerk was appointed a committee to carry out the resolution of last year in regard to the binding of the Minutes of the Harmony Association.



Bro. Green Allen, as Colporteur, reported no money received, and no work done.

Committee on Special Queries made their report.

By motion, the different points in answer to Queries was taken up, Article by Article, and while pending, adjourned to 10 o'clock P. M.

#### EVENING SESSION.

The Body was called to order punctually to hour, by the Moderator. After singing and prayer, the subjects before the Association on adjournment were taken up.

Answer to Article 1st, of Committee report, was taken up and amended by striking out, "No" and inserting "Yes" "Both Adultery and Fornication are Laws."

Answer to Article 2d of report was adopted.

Article 3d in report, as answer to Query from Friendship Church, was adopted.

Article 4th of report was adopted.

Previous question being called, the entire report was adopted. [See Appendix J.]

Adjourned to 8½ o'clock, Tuesday.

#### TUESDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

8½ O'CLOCK, October 25, 1870.

The Association was called to order at the hour appointed, by the Moderator.

After singing and prayer the roll was called.

Minutes of previous day read and adopted.

The Committee on Deceased Ministers made their report, which was adopted. [See Appendix K.]

Select Committee, which was raised last Association, and to which was referred the Queries sent up by Pensacola, Good Hope, (Leake,) and Friendship Churches, made their report, which was adopted. [See Appendix L.]

The Committee on Finance made their report, which was adopted. [See Appendix M.]

The Select Committee, raised at last Association, to whom was referred the Query from Rehoboth Church, made their report, which was adopted. [See Appendix N.]

#### Resolutions.

*Resolved*, That this Association encourage Ministers and Laymen of our Churches to instruct the colored people in our bounds in the Gospel.

The following resolution of last year was renewed as amended:  
 "That each Church be requested to raise a Committee within themselves to take up subscriptions in cash and endowment funds, and report the amount of cash to the first meeting of the Executive Board, and the endowment fund to the next Association."

On motion, ordered that the Treasurer be required to pay over the amount in his hands in accordance with various appropriations.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes, and that he receive twenty-five (25) dollars for his services, and the Treasurer ten (10) dollars for his.

*Resolved*, That this Church and community have the thanks of this Body for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have been entertained during the session.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk be required to have printed in our Minutes the names and post offices of all licensed and ordained Ministers in the bounds of this Association.

*Resolved*, That Bro. Green Allen, be, and is hereby appointed agent of this Body to collect funds wherever it may be convenient, and forward the same to John F. Baskins, Treasurer Ed. Board, Clinton, Miss.; to be accredited to this Association.

After a pleasant session, the Body adjourned to meet with the Rehoboth Church, Rankin county.

D. J. BARNETT, Moderator.

F. C. DAVIS, Clerk.

## Ordained Ministers and their Post Offices.

Thomas Tucker	Edinburg,
John Rushing	High Hill,
S. J. Denson	Ludlow,
William Denson	Goshen Springs,
Alfred Marshall	Canton,
P. M. Gaddis	Good Hope,
J. M. Pearson	Ludlow,
James Marshall	Brandon,
William McMurtry	Thomastown,
William Robertson	Morton,
T. E. Morris	Good Hope,
G. W. Burt	Laurel Hill,
J. M. Russell	" "
W. P. Dorrill	" "
W. S. Rushing	High Hill,
R. G. Barrett	Carthage.

## Licentiates and their Post Offices.

J. E. Pearson	Ludlow,
H. J. Tripp	Good Hope,
A. Cockraft	Conway,
M. B. Maum	Brandon,
M. Lyle	Hillsboro,
George W. Davis	Brandon,
P. H. Bilbro	Brandon.



# APPENDICES.

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## APPENDIX A.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

First—Having no statistics from the Churches, we are unable to state the number and condition of the Schools in our bounds, and would earnestly recommend all the Churches to establish Schools, and send up with their Letters to the Association full reports of the same.

Second—As the Hope of the future prosperity of the Church is in the rising generation, we therefore urge upon our Churches the great importance of training the young in the way they should go. Let all the membership, old as well as young, join the Sabbath School and form Bible Classes, and by their example, lead all the young to feel an interest in the study of God's Word. They will thus imitate the Psalmist who, in his old age said; "Come, ye children, and hearken unto me, and I will teach you the fear of the Lord."

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ALFRED MARSHALL, Chairman.

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## APPENDIX B.

### REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, the Committee beg leave to submit the following report:

*For Executive Board.*

D. J. BARNETT, Chairman,  
F. C. DAVIS, Clerk,  
W. W. NICHOLS, Treasurer.

Elders T. E. Morris, P. M. Gaddis, J. M. Pearson, R. G. Barrett, William McMurtray, A. Marshall, Brothers Green Allen, William Cockraft, Jackson Brown, W. R. Graves, J. W. Bilbro, Oliver Parker, S. C. Billingslea, and W. H. Denson.

We also recommend the appointment of Elder R. G. Barrett to preach the next Introductory Sermon, Elder A. Marshall, Alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. PEARSON, Chairman.

## APPENDIX C.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF RELIGION.

We offer the following report:

1. Antioch Church—At peace, but cold, and desires your prayers.
2. Bethlehem Church—Greatly revived. Several additions.
3. Center Hill Church—Greatly revived. Many additions.
4. Canaan Church—In a healthy and thriving condition.
5. Doake's Creek Church—Greatly revived and many additions.
6. Fellowship Church—In a healthy and prosperous condition.
7. Friendship Church—Much revived, many additions and at peace among themselves.
8. Good Hope (Madison) Church—Peace and harmony prevails.
9. Hays' Creek Church—At peace, but cold, and desire an interest in your prayers.
10. Jerusalem Church—At peace and harmony among themselves.
11. Mt. Carmel Church—Peace and harmony prevails.
12. Mt. Pisgah Church—Complains of coldness, and hopes for a better day.
13. Mt. Zion Church—All in peace, and somewhat revived.
14. Good Hope (Leake) Church—Much revived and some additions.
15. Mt. Sinai Church—All in peace with ourselves.
16. New Prospect Church—Somewhat revived, and ask our associate prayers.
17. Pensacola Church—Much revived, and many additions to the Church.
18. Rehoboth Church—Complains of coldness, and asks the prayers of the Association.
19. Salem Church—Cold, and in a languishing condition. Asks our prayers.
20. Thomastown Church—somewhat revived, and some additions.
21. Hebron Church—In a prosperous condition.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. M. PEARSON, Chairman.

## APPENDIX D.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

We, your Committee, have examined the Letters and Minutes of the Bodies with whom we correspond, and find nothing that claims the particular attention of this Body.

Respectfully submitted,

P. M. GADDIS, Chairman.



## APPENDIX E.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS AND REQUESTS.

We beg leave to recommend that the request of Rehoboth Church, "for the next meeting of the Association to be held with them," be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN RUSHING, Chairman.

## APPENDIX F.

## MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Missions, beg leave to submit the following report:

That it is the duty of the Christian world to aid in the spread of the Gospel, and to supply, as far as consistent with the means, the destitute with the preached word, is a point which is generally conceded. And indeed, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature;" and again, "How shall they believe on Him of Whom they have not heard and how shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall they preach, except they be sent;" we believe sufficient to remove the doubts of the most skeptical, together with other plain precepts with which the New Testament abounds, and the plain example of the Church at Antioch sending out Paul and Barnabas to Missionary fields in obedience to the command of the spirit; are such that he who opposes this noble cause must do so at the utter disregard of these plain declarations and for which he alone is responsible to God.

We think it probable that there are some points within our bounds which by a proper effort may be made plans of successful Missionary labor; but many of the Churches are in a declining condition, and indeed some of them have been without preaching the entire past year, and it is upon these Churches that our efforts should be mainly directed for the present. We desire to further recommend that you appoint a Missionary for a whole, or a part of his time, of which you can judge when you receive your Executive Board report, as a better plan to accomplish good in our midst, rather than a promiscuous distribution of this labor among the Ministry as has been your former custom.

Inasmuch as your Committee are without the proper data, we leave to your consideration the best plan to raise the necessary funds to sustain this cause.

In conclusion, we recommend that the Churches of this Association adopt some systematic plan of benevolence according to the direction of the Gospel.

## APPENDIX G.

## PUBLICATIONS.

We, your Committee on Publication, beg leave to report:

That we think any extended document on this subject unnecessary; and for reasons assigned at the last meeting of this Body, would recommend, as our fixed choice, the "Baptist," edited by that Baptist of sterling worth, Elder J. R. Graves, at Memphis, Tenn., the merits of which every member has had often opportunities of judging.

We also recommend, for the rising generation, "Kind Words;" also, the "Orphan's Home Banner," at Lauderdale, Miss.; which, if for no other reason, for the noble enterprise which it is encouraging, viz: the support of the Orphans' of Mississippi; which, by the Angel of Death, have been left without a sympathizing protector, as one to "Train them up in the way they should go;" and, as such, are left to us as a sacred legacy, to preserve from the evils to come as far as in our power.

To the above list we add the "Home and Foreign Journal."

Respectfully submitted,

R. G. BARRETT, Chairman.

## APPENDIX H.

## MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We, your Committee on Ministerial Education, desire to submit the following report:

In consideration of the present growing desire and spirit of Education among the people, the advanced stage of science and literature, the importance and indispensable necessity of all teachers, and more especially teachers in Israel, having a knowledge superior to that of their hearts, together with the evident *natural* tendency of mankind to spiritual darkness, sin and death, and a consequent tendency to infidelity, and a disposition to pervert the word of God, the encroachments of Romanism and tyranny, therefore, we deem the education of our men who believe they are called of God, and feel that necessity is laid upon them to preach the Gospel, to be of the utmost importance, in order to meet education with education, and successfully to combat error with truth. We would, therefore, recommend that the respective Churches of this Body inquire diligently for gifts in their midst, encourage the same, and take active steps to raise funds for their immediate liberal literary as well as theological education. Not because we believe that education makes the preacher, but that it simply increases the power for good. We also recommend that the Churches be aided in this work by our Standing Committee on Gifts, and the co-operation of their Pastors.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. McMURTRAY, Chairman.

## APPENDIX I.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We, the Executive Board of Harmony Association, beg leave to make the following report:

In view of the great destitution of Baptist preaching within our bounds, scarcity of Ministers, and our want of funds to employ a Missionary the whole time, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we call upon all Ministers within our bounds to look out and supply all destitutions within their reach, and receive a *pro rata* share of the Domestic Mission Fund on hand, at the rate of two (2) dollars per diem.

We respectively report the following labor performed since last session, viz:

Elder R. G. Barrett, ten days on Semasha, with great apparent desire for preaching by large and attentive audiences, with encouraging prospects of success.

Elder J. M. Pearson reports seventeen days' labor at Cross Roads, with great success, and the baptism of thirty-six persons on profession of their Faith.

Elder McMurtray reports fourteen days' labor performed in the Domestic Mission work at Carthage, Williams' and Coghlin's Mills, with manifestation of much interest, but, for want of time to protract sufficiently, without success.

Elder Thomas Tucker reports six days' labor performed, with much interest, but as yet no manifest fruits, but prospects of success.

All of which claims have been satisfied.

Our Committee to look after Ministerial Gifts, consisting of Elders T. E. Morris and J. M. Pearson on the Southeast of Pearl River, and Wm. McMurtray on the Northwest, report five young brethren looking forward with great anxiety, fear and trembling, to the Ministry, whom we commend to your Gospel and Christian liberality to the obtaining of a liberal education.

We report the following amount of funds received since the last meeting of this Body, viz: for Domestic Missions, eighty-nine (89 30) dollars and thirty cents. Interest on part of said amount, seven (7) dollars. Total, \$96 30.

For Ministerial Education \$13 75 have been sent up from Mt. Carmel Church.

Elder James Nelson, General Agent of Ministerial Education, has labored in the bounds of this Association, and collected some considerable amount in cash and subscription.

The following amount paid out for Domestic Missions: Eighty-eight (88) dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

W. McMURTRAY, Chairman.



## APPENDIX J.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON QUERIES.

We beg leave to report: First on Query No. 1, from Jerusalem Church: "Did Christ give any Law except Fornication for which a man could put away his wife and marry again?" We answer yes, both Fornication and Adultery are Laws. No. 2. "Did He intend this as a Law for the Government of His Church, or only as an exposition of the old Jewish Law. Answer. For the Government of His Church.

Query from Friendship Church, preceded by this preamble, as a condensed history of the case:

"Whereas, this Church, upon the marriage of Mrs. Carter to Mr. Eakin, (he having been only a short time previously put away by his wife, through Court, on the charge of Adultery,) the Church, therefore, deemed her as living in Adultery according to Scripture, excluded her. After some considerable time, Jerusalem Church sent up a committee and requested us to restore her. If we could not, then "would it be a breach of fellowship for them to do so." Our Church replied, that we could not restore her, and that it would be a breach of fellowship for them to receive or restore her. They asked for a committee, with documents, to go down to Jerusalem to sit with them, "that they might properly determine the matter to the glory of God." To consent to this, Friendship considered it as an admission that she was wrong and setting Jerusalem up as an appellate power: Would not send committee, but informed them that they could get the documents. Very soon after, at a called meeting, (as we understand,) Jerusalem gave Mrs. Eakin fellowship, and a Letter of Dismission. There are wrongs somewhere, and where are the wrongs, or to point out the wrongs, is the counsel we would respectfully ask of your Body.

Answer 3d. When the sacred and holy relationship of husband and wife is broken by either party, the one so acting is condemned by the law of Christ as unworthy of Christian fellowship; that any Church holding such an one in fellowship is in disorder, and that the innocent one is freed from all marriage obligations and may marry again.

Answer 4th. Any one marrying the guilty party before the death of the innocent one, is also condemned and unworthy of fellowship.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

S. C. BILLINGSLEA, Chairman.

## APPENDIX K.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

WHEREAS, In the dispensation of an Allwise Providence, our venerable and much esteemed brother, JOSEPH S. ANTLEY, has been removed from among us by death since your last meeting, a notice of which appeared in the *Baptist*, of June 18th, 1870. Therefore,

*Resolved, 1st.* That, in the death of Bro. Antley, this Association has lost an able and efficient Minister of the Gospel, a bold and faithful defender of the truth, the State a good citizen, his family an indulgent husband and father.

*Resolved, 2d.* That this Association tender to the bereaved family our sincere condolence and sympathy, praying the blessing of God upon them, and that "He may be a husband to the widow and a father to the orphans.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. PEARSON, Chairman.

## APPENDIX L.

We, your Committee raised at your last session, to whom was referred various Queries, beg leave to report:

That as the Queries from Pensacola, Good Hope and Friendship, are similar, we would report one Query as embracing all.

"Is it right for a Baptist to call on, or invite a man to exercise in public, in any way in any of their meetings, who has been excluded from their fellowship and united with some other denomination?"

Answer 1st. We don't believe that any Church or member of the Church has any authority from the Word of God to invite such individuals to exercise publicly in any of their meetings. (Math. 18th, 17th.)

Respectfully submitted,

R. G. BARRETT, Chairman.

## APPENDIX M.

### REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

#### *For Associational Purposes.*

Antioch Church,.....	\$ 3 00
Bethlehem Church,.....	3 00
Center Hill Church,.....	5 00
Center Hill Church,.....	2 50
Canaan Church,.....	10 00
Doake's Creek Church,.....	3 00
Fellowship Church,.....	5 05
Friendship Church,.....	5 00
Good Hope (Mad.) Church,.....	8 80
Good Hope (Leake) Church,.....	4 00
Hays' Creek Church,.....	5 00
Jerusalem Church,.....	3 50
Mt. Carmel Church,.....	5 00
Mt. Pisgah Church,.....	5 00
Salem Church,.....	



Mt. Zion Church,.....	\$ 6 25
Mt. Sinai Church,.....	5 00
New Prospect Church,.....	10 00
Pensacola Church,.....	3 50
Rehoboth Church,.....	5 00
Thomastown Church,.....	5 00
Hebron Church,.....	5 10
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	\$107 60

*For Elder Crenshaw.*

Antioch Church,.....	\$ 4 50
Doakes Creek Church,.....	50
Mr. Carmel Church,.....	4 40
Rush Arbor Church,.....	5 40
Center Hill Church,.....	11 00
Fellowship Church,.....	1 50
Rehoboth Church,.....	3 35
Carthage Church,.....	7 50
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	\$ 38 15

*For Elder John Rushing.*

Antioch Church,.....	\$ 4 50
Fellowship Church,.....	1 50
Rehoboth Church,.....	1 00
Doakes Creek Church,.....	6 00
Jerusalem Church,.....	5 00
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	\$ 18 00

*For Elder Tucker.*

Antioch Church,.....	\$ 4 50
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*For Ministerial Education.*

Mt. Carmel Church,.....	\$ 13 75
Collected on Lord's Day, for Elder Nelson, in cash.....	\$ 26 25
Subscription,.....	\$ 90 00

*For Home Missions.*

Antioch Church,.....	\$ 10 00
Center Hill Church,.....	5 00
Mt. Carmel Church,.....	4 25
Canaan Church,.....	3 65
Fellowship Church,.....	3 55
Elder P. M. Gaddis,.....	10 00
Bro. C. H. Johnson,.....	5 00

Bro. F. C. Davis,	\$ 5 00
Bro. W. H. Denson,	5 00
Bro. Green Allen,	50 00
Bro. William Denson,	2 50
Bro. D. W. Denson,	2 50
Bro. J. W. Bilbro,	5 00
Bro. C. C. Anderson,	2 00
Bro. J. C. Pearson,	5 00
Bro. Jesse Hickman,	2 50
Bro. W. C. Brewer,	5 00
Bro. G. M. L. White,	5 00
Bro. S. C. Billingslea,	10 00
Bro. L. T. Bilbro,	5 00
Bro. W. W. Ely,	5 00
Total amount sent up for Missions,	\$150 95
Collected on Lord's Day for Missions,	25 15
Total amount of Missionary Funds,	\$176 10

## APPENDIX N.

Report of Committee appointed at your last Session on Query, sent up by Rehoboth Church, and ordered to report at this meeting of your Body, on the following:

"Has a Church the Scriptural right to require all her male members to attend her regular conference meetings, or to render an excuse for absence or non-attendance."

Answer—"We believe, from the reading of the Scripture, found in 2d Chron. 30th ch., 21, 22, 23, and Acts of the Apostles, 2d ch., 46, 47 verses, and 5th ch., 41 and 42 verses; Luke 24th ch., 50, 53 verses; Math. 28th ch., 20 verse; Hebrews 10th ch., 25 verse; Math. 18th ch., 17 verse; 1st Cor., 5th ch., 4 verse."

That it is a Christian duty, and that Church members failing to discharge that duty, are guilty of violating Church Covenant, and should be dealt with accordingly. In proof of this, see articles 1st, 2d, 6th, and 7th of Gospel Order of this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. McMURTRAY, Chairman.

R. G. BARRETT,

D. J. BARNETT,

GREEN ALLEN,

WM. COCKRAFT.

# *Treasurer's Report---1869-70.*

F. C. DAVIS, *Treasurer,*

*In Account with Harmony Baptist Association :*

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October, 1869.	To this amount reported from Finance Committee,.....	\$275 05
	To this amount received from H. B. Lee,.....	2 00
	To this amount received from a sister at Fellowship, .....	50
	To this amount received of interest,.....	7 00
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	By this amount paid Clerk of Association,.....	\$ 75 29
	By this amount paid Elder Crenshaw,.....	54 80
	By this amount paid Elder Rushing,.....	22 75
	By this amount paid State Convention,.....	30 00
	By this amount paid State Convention to print Minutes, .....	5 00
	Treasurer's Salary,.....	5 00
	By balance on hand of Missionary Funds,.....	3 80
		<hr/> \$284 55



# STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE HARMONY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, FOR 1876.

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CHURCHES. COUNTIES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized,.....	Rec'd by Let'r	Restored,.....	Dis'd by Let'r,	Excluded,.....	Dead, .....	Total,.....	Ord'd Minist'rs	Licentiates, ...	Time of Conf.,	Union Dis't,...	No. of Minutes	POST OFFICES.	PASTOR OR SUPPLY.
Antioch, .....	Eld. Thomas Tucker, W. A. Ward, .....	...	1	1	21	2	...	47	1	...	3d	225	Edinburg, .....	G. W. Burt.	
Bethesda, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	210	Canton, .....	L. & Wm. Robertson.	
Brandon, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	110	Brandon, .....	J. M. Pearson.	
Bethlehem, .....	Eld. J. M. Pearson, .....	2	2	...	3	...	...	18	1	...	4th	1	15	Morton, .....	J. M. Pearson.
Center Hill, .....	William Cockruff, N. M. Watkins, J. Treadwell, W. R. Jordan, .....	17	4	1	26	2	2	135	1	1	1st	2	30	Conway, .....	Wm. McMurtry.
Canaan, .....	W. S. Young, .....	1	2	...	5	1	1	50	...	...	1st	2	25	Thomastown, .....	R. G. Barrett.
Doakes' Creek	A. Marshall, D. J. Barnett, W. W. Nichols, J. P. Hickman, .....	24	7	1	5	...	1	109	1	...	3d	2	40	Canton, .....	D. J. Bidell.
Fellowship, .....	T. H. Horn, A. Parker, .....	2	2	1	1	2	...	49	2	...	4th	3	20	Damascus, .....	P. M. Gaddis.
Friendship, .....	F. C. Davis, P. M. Gaddis, .....	11	5	...	4	...	2	64	1	2	2d	1	25	Good Hope, .....	R. G. Barrett.
Good Hope, .....	R. G. Barrett, J. F. Kernops, .....	3	3	2	2	1	...	66	1	...	3d	2	20	Canden, .....	T. E. Morris.
Hays' Creek, .....	O. H. Parker, P. S. Brasell, .....	2	1	...	13	3	1	49	...	...	3d	1	20	Hillsboro, .....	W. E. Morris.
Jerusalem, .....	J. N. Denson, W. H. Denson, T. J. Denson, .....	3	3	...	12	3	...	76	1	1	1st	1	10	Ludlow, .....	Wm. Denson.
Liberty, .....	G. W. Burt, W. R. Turner, .....	2	5	...	10	1	1	61	1	...	2d	3	25	Edinburg, .....	W. McMurtry.
Mt. Carmel, .....	S. C. Billingslea, D. W. Denson, .....	...	...	...	2	1	4	25	1	...	3d	1	15	Goshen Sp'gs, .....	M. B. Maum.
Mt. Pisgah, .....	J. Rushing, W. C. Brewer, .....	8	3	2	1	...	...	43	1	...	1st	3	15	High Hill, .....	J. Rushing.
Mt. Zion, .....	T. E. Morris, J. E. Pearson, .....	7	1	...	6	...	1	64	1	...	1st	1	25	Good Hope, .....	T. E. Morris.
Good Hope, .....	Michael Brown, W. F. Kirkland, .....	2	6	...	8	25	1	26	...	...	2d	1	20	Dixon, .....	W. A. Hutto.
Mt. Sinai, .....	W. D. Robbins, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Pelahatchie, .....	H. T. Haddick.
New Prospect, .....	Green Allen, S. Wiggins, .....	37	2	2	18	1	1	84	...	...	1st	3	10	Fannin, .....	J. M. Pearson.
Pelahatchie, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Carthage, .....	J. M. Pearson.
Pensacola, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Carthage, .....	J. W. Borritt.
Pleasant Hill, .....	P. H. Bilbro, L. J. Bilbro, .....	1	...	...	13	2	...	96	...	3	4th	1	30	Brandon, .....	L. W. Borritt.
Rehoboth, .....	W. P. Dorritt, W. R. Graves, .....	...	...	...	1	2	1	40	1	...	4th	2	25	Carthage, .....	R. G. Barrett.
Salem, .....	William McMurray, .....	8	...	...	...	...	...	27	1	...	2d	2	15	Thomastown, .....	D. A. Ellington.
Thomastown, .....	J. W. Leggett, .....	2	8	...	...	...	...	17	...	...	2d	2	12	Canton, .....	T. E. Morris.
Hebron, .....	...	124	66	10	153	46	16	1233	15	8	...	...	...	...	...

